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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION,

DOCKET NO. UE-011163

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY INC.

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In the Matter of the Petition of

DOCKET NO. UE-011170

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

ORDER SETTING SCHEDULE

For an Order Authorizing Deferral
of Certain Electric Energy Supply
Costs.

When addressing requests for emergency relief, the Commission will balance its regulatory responsibility to act swiftly to determine whether an emergency exists and to fashion an appropriate remedy, with the parties' ability to knowledgeably respond. The Commission will avoid the potential to disadvantage those parties with few resources. The utility bears the burden to demonstrate emergent relief. ¶ 18.

The reasonableness of a request for emergency relief may be addressed by other means than a historical power supply study. ¶ 21.

September 17, 2001

IN THE MATTER OF THE
INVESTIGATION INTO THE
ISSUE OF NUMBERING
RESOURCES

DOCKET NO. UT-991627

The Commission has jurisdiction to take actions necessary to implement the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. ¶ 8; RCW 80.36.610.

The State's interim power pooling administrator must initiate a number pooling trial in all rate centers in area code 360 that have switches capable of local number portability. ¶ 10.

Each service provider with prefixes assigned in area code 360 must cooperate with the interim number pooling administrator to implement this order. ¶ 11.

September 19, 2001

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. UT-990946

ORDER ENFORCING AGREEMENT

v.

1-800-RECONEX, INC.

Unless the Respondent shows good cause, it is bound by the terms of the settlement agreement approved by the Commission, not by Respondent's interpretation of those terms. ¶ 24, 25.

Absent a showing of hardship, Respondent is obligated to pay the full amount agreed upon in the settlement, rather than paying by installments. ¶ 31.

September 24, 2001

In the Matter of

AVISTA CORPORATION, d/b/a
AVISTA UTILITIES

Request Regarding the Recovery of
Power Costs Through the Deferral
Mechanism

DOCKET NO. UE-010395

ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY RATE RELIEF
SUBJECT TO REFUND

The Commission grants a temporary rate increase in a uniform amount of 25% to be effective October 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, in the form of a rate surcharge, subject to refund pending a general rate case to be filed December 1, 2001.

When an application for interim relief does not meet the traditional definition for interim rate relief, but rather presents extraordinary circumstances to which the usual labels do not apply, the Commission may still rely for guidance on the PNB standards in reaching a decision. ¶ 26; *WUTC v. Pacific Northwest Bell*, No. U-72-30, Second Supplemental Order Denying Petition for Emergency Relief (October 10, 1972) (PNB); *State ex rel. Puget Sound Navigation Co. v. Department of Transportation*, 33 WN 2d 448, 206 P 2d 456 (1949).

The Commission authorizes Avista to accelerate the amortization of the credit related to the monetization of the power sale to Portland General Electric and to credit it against Avista's deferred power costs. ¶ 77; *WUTC v. Avista*, Nos. UE-991606/991607, Third Supplemental Order (September 29, 2000).

September 26, 2001

In the Matter of the Application of

DOCKET NO. UE-010594

PACIFICORP, d/b/a PACIFIC
POWE & LIGHT COMPANY

ORDER APPROVING CORPORATE
REORGANIZATION

For an Order Approving
Corporate Reorganization to
Create a Holding Company,
PacifiCorp Holdings, Inc.

The Commission approves the proposed creation of a holding company provided that the costs of the transaction do not effect rates and provided that the company notify the Commission prior to the transfer of a subsidiary or other business activity to the holding company, in order to avoid the transfer of subsidiaries that either perform activities as part of or in conjunction with the utility, or use property or employees common to utility operations. ¶ 19-20.